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S. RES. 368

To recognize the importance of relocating and renovating the Hamilton
Grange, New York.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. BYRD, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

To recognize the importance of relocating and renovating
the Hamilton Grange, New York.

Whereas Alexander Hamilton, assisted by James Madison and George Washington, was the principal drafter of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas Hamilton was General Washington's aide-de-camp during the Revolutionary War, and, given command by Washington of the New York and Connecticut light infantry battalion, led the successful assault on British redoubt number 10 at Yorktown;

Whereas after serving as Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton founded the Bank of New York and the New York Post;

Whereas the only home Hamilton ever owned, commonly known as “the Grange”, is a fine example of Federal period architecture designed by New York architect John McComb, Jr., and was built in upper Manhattan in 1803;

Whereas the New York State Assembly enacted a law in 1908 authorizing New York City to acquire the Grange and move it to nearby St. Nicholas Park, part of the original Hamilton estate, but no action was taken;

Whereas in 1962, the National Park Service took over management of the Grange, by then wedged on Convent Avenue within inches between an apartment house on the north side and a church on the south side;

Whereas the 1962 designation of the Grange as a national memorial was contingent on the acquisition by the National Park Service of a site to which the building could be relocated;

Whereas the New York State Legislature enacted a law in 1998 that granted approval for New York City to transfer land in St. Nicholas Park to the National Park Service, causing renovations to the Grange to be postponed; and

Whereas no obelisk, monument, or classical temple along the national mall has been constructed to honor the man who more than any other designed the Government of the United States, Hamilton should at least be remembered by restoring his home in a sylvan setting: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

1 (1) the Senate recognizes the immense con-
2 tribution Alexander Hamilton made to the United
3 States as a principal drafter of the Constitution; and

4 (2) the National Park Service should
5 expeditiously—

6 (A) proceed to relocate the Grange to St.
7 Nicholas Park; and

8 (B) restore the Grange to a state befitting
9 the memory of Alexander Hamilton.

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